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RED CROSS TO TO START DRIVE

Annual Membership Campaign
of This Great Organization
Starts Next Week.

TO OPEN SEVERAL BOOTHS

Workers in Uniform Will Be in
Charge of Booths and Solicit
for Members.

The third annual membership drive of the American Red Cross will be held this year from Sunday, November 2, to Tuesday, November 11, during which time the local branch of the Red Cross will wage an active campaign in this city for memberships.

It is the intention of the ladies, who have charge of the campaign, to establish booths in the post office, and the drug stores, and it is expected that during this time that practically every person in the city will have been asked to join the Red Cross, by the workers who will be at the booths.

Mrs. Harry Rockwell of this city, has been appointed publicity chairman by Mrs. Harrington of Ithaca, county chairman, and she is planning on a good publicity campaign to aid in the work.

The workers, who will be at the booths during the campaign will be in uniform during the time that they are on duty at the booths and it is believed that this will have a big part in aiding in the work.

The booths and the workers will be located as follows:

Postoffice, Mrs. George McLaughlin, chairman.

Murphy's drug store, Mrs. E. Holcomb, chairman.

Brunner's drug store, Mrs. A. W. Brunner, chairman.

Patterson's drug store, Mrs. Stella Moore, chairman.

Winslow's drug store, Mrs. James Gossett, chairman.

Mrs. Henry H. Soale is the city chairman of the Alma branch of the American Red Cross and Mrs. J. N. Day is the treasurer.

INFORMATION

Pastor Seeks Information from Alma
People from Various Angles.

Seeking to secure the best judgment of Alma people as to various phases of church work, and information as to the various angles at which people look at this work, Rev. Duffy of the M. E. church has written the following letter to a number of Alma people to secure their views, that he may have the opinion of a number of people here as the basis for a number of Sunday evening addresses:

Alma, Mich., October 27th, 1919.

Dear Friend:

As a preacher I covet the privilege of looking at some very serious questions through the eyes of the layman and the man on the outside. I desire your best thought as you view these questions from your angle as merchant or mechanic, labor or professional man, employer or employee, politician or just plain citizen. Whether you are a churchman, an occasional attendant, or one who never attends church, whether you do not sympathize with the church, if you are interested in men, I desire your best judgment in these matters.

Here are the questions, numbered for convenience sake:

1. What is the real work or mission of the church?

2. What ought a minister to preach?

3. Should every man belong to church? Why?

4. Why do not more men in Alma attend church?

5. What is the church's greatest weakness or fault?

6. What is the best thing to be said for the church?

Note, by the church I do not mean any particular society, denomination or congregation, but churches in general; say as found in Alma.

Frankly, I intend using the replies I receive from this letter as the basis of a series of Sunday evening addresses to be delivered in this church beginning Sunday evening, November 9th. But allow me to assure you that your name will not be used in any way without your permission, so you may write me with the fullest freedom and confidence.

In closing, as I have taken you into my confidence, may I beg the favor of your confidence and frankness, with an early reply.

Sincerely yours,

Matt. W. Duffey

P. S. If you are under no obligation to any other congregation we extend a most cordial invitation to these discussions and all the services of this church. M. W. D.

MARRIED TUESDAY

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stafford, of this city, on Sunday, October 26, their daughter, Nila, was united in marriage to Mr. Adney VanNorman of Sumner. Only the immediate families of the bride and groom were present at the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Duffey of the M. E. church. The happy couple will be at home in this city after Nov. 4.

CONSTRUCTION EASY

This Is View of Michigan Northern
Railroad Officials.

Although a complete final survey of the proposed Michigan Northern railroad has not yet been made, present officials of the new road are much more enthusiastic over the reports than they have ever been. The topography of the country through which the road will pass is such that it means, as the engineers declare, "natural born economy" of construction.

There are very few hills to be made. The country is level yet with good drainage. The level stretches will cut down the expense of grading and will not only make road building much more economical, but will also tend to save time in construction work. No engineering problems have so far been met and there is nothing ahead for the contractors except the most simple grading. Engineers who have looked over the levels, etc., contend that it is as simple as though made to order and will mean thousands of dollars saved to the company in the matter of construction.

ASSOCIATIONS ARE AID TO BUILDING

Article Tells What Building and
Loan Associations Mean
to Workers.

It seems that the building and loan association plan of operation should be absolutely clear to almost everyone, that the wonderful work they have done and are doing—not as a philanthropy, but as a business—should be fully understood by every one of us, and a proper appreciation shown.

When we look about and pick the communities where the live men have fathered and promoted these building and loan associations, we will invariably find that the healthiest of these cities are also the homes of live and flourishing associations. To what can we attribute this? The answer is evident.

The greatest element which goes to make for the success of any city is civic pride. Pride in the city as a whole and pride in the individual part of it which is the property of the individual interested. Even though a city should boast of a large percentage of men of large means, the greatest majority of its citizens must from economic necessity be made up of the wage earners, or the great class of toilers. And while a few men of large means may do much to make a city well known and popular, its real foundation rests upon these wage earners who day after day earn their money and spend the greater portion of it with the varied industries which go to make up the whole fabric of community life.

These are the men whose welfare determines the welfare of the city and whose civic pride builds for its future greatness, and the first necessity for the installation of this pride in the breast of the mass of people is the personal pride of the thing he calls his home.

Home! How little it may mean to the man who is able to own half a dozen or more houses, and how much to the man who has for years paid out a stipulated sum each month for the privilege of keeping his furniture in the same rooms and complaining about the water pipes to the man who owns it.

That very pride of ownership is the thing which makes it so hard for the landlord to make any real money from his investment in rented houses.

It is this home owning pride which the building and loan associations have done so much to foster, and thousands upon thousands of men who had for years entertained the ambition of owning their own homes have been helped to realize upon that ambition.

First, the association instills the habit of thrift in the individual by suggesting methodical saving through their cumulative savings plan of purchasing stock on the installment plan. By the time this habit is deeply rooted the man has saved enough for the initial payment upon his home, the association is in a position to buy that home for him and let him repay the loan in the same manner he made the original savings, by maturing stock in the association equal to the amount of the loan.

This habit of thrift fostered by the building and loan associations, has done more than any other thing to make the most healthy communities in the country and the home owners the most stable and solid citizenship the nation could hope to build.

Every cent these associations realize from their operation goes directly back to the stockholder or depositor in the form of dividends at the close of each year, and the security they offer probably cannot be excelled from the standpoint of the investor. Their growth and prestige has been phenomenal, but the next few years should see a still greater increase for they are the worthiest institutions we can support, both for the good of the community and for the good of the individual.

Watch for Presbyterian Rummage Sale the first part of November. Date will be announced next week.—adv.

U. S. GOODS WILL BE SOLD

City Will Open Store Here for
the Sale of War Department
Material.

TO BE LOCATED IN CITY HALL

Request of Major Koons of Army and
Low Prices of Goods Cause
of Decision.

Following a request from Major L. F. Koon, in charge of the government store in Detroit, the city commission has decided to open a store in the city hall for the disposal of government foodstuffs, clothing, etc., which is being offered for sale by the War Department.

The prices at which the material is being offered for sale are so low that the city commission feels that the people of Alma will be able to make some good savings, as well as have the opportunity to acquire goods that might not be otherwise obtainable.

There is also a feeling that inasmuch as the government is asking the communities to aid in the sale of this material, that it should be done, especially in view of the loss that the government would sustain if the communities of the country did not aid in the selling of it.

The prices of some of the commodities are startlingly low, and cannot fail to attract a large number of purchasers in Alma.

The store is to be opened in the west room of the city hall, which is later to be used for a library and rest room, and it is rather expected that John C. Chick, city commissioner, and others of the city officials will have direct charge of the sales.

The city must purchase the goods which it offers for sale, so that the officials will use care in selecting the goods, getting only those which it is felt will be moved quickly and to the best advantage. List prices are issued by the government store at which the goods must be sold, a slight discount being given from the list prices to the cities so that they will be able to handle the overhead expense of conducting the sale. It will probably be about ten days or two weeks before the store can be opened.

A list of some of the goods and the prices at which they are to be sold follows:

Blankets, cotton (new)	\$3.00 per pair
Blankets, cotton (new)	\$6.00 each
Blankets, cotton, reclaimed	\$1.00 p. p.
Drawers, wool, heavy winter	\$1.00 p. p.
Drawers, wool, light	.50c per pair
Gloves, jersey knit (new)	.20c p. p.
Overalls, bib (new)	\$1.25 per pair
Socks, light wool (new)	.25c per pair
Socks, heavy wool (new)	.55c p. p.
Towels, Huck, (new)	.20c each
Undershirts wool (new)	\$1.00 each

Bacon in strips	20c per lb.
Sweet corn No. 2 cans	9c each
Cornstarch	4c pkg.
Macaroni No. 40 case	\$2.00 per case
Green peas No. 2 cans	9c per can
Pickles, cucumber	20c per gal.
Pumpkin, No. 3 cans	11c per can
Raisins, seeded	10c per pk.
Soup Tomato No. 1 cans	6c per can

MRS. HUBBELL DEAD

Aged Alma Woman Died at Her
Home Here Last Friday.

Mrs. D. V. Hubbell, one of the oldest residents of this city, died suddenly at her home early last Friday morning at the age of 74 years and ten months.

Henrietta G. Kamerling, daughter of Andrew and Marie Kamerling, was born in Holland, December 13, 1844, being one of a family of eight children. She came to this country with her parents when still a child. They settled in Buffalo, N. Y.

In 1865 she was united in marriage to Daniel Hubbell and in 1876 they came to Michigan. They moved to Alma and made their home in this city in 1884.

In girlhood she united with the Baptist church, and has always been active in church work. For nearly thirty years she was the treasurer of the Sunday school, which Sunday passed resolutions expressing the appreciation for her work. She was also an active worker in the W. R. C. and the L. O. T. M. M. in which for years she acted as commander and finance keeper. She was also a charter member of the Alma live.

Since the death of her husband in 1915, she has been in feeble health, and Friday morning, October 24, she passed suddenly away.

The funeral service was held Monday afternoon from the home, where she had so long resided, being conducted by Rev. J. W. Priest.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. George Hildson, one sister, Miss J. A. Kamerling of Buffalo, and other relatives.

WILL HOLD SMOKER

The George W. Myers post of the American Legion will hold a smoker at 8 o'clock on November 1st. Post members are urged to be present at this meeting which is certain to be a most enjoyable and profitable one.

LEASES HOTEL

Bert A. Hayes Leases Livingston
Hotel in Grand Rapids.

The Livingston hotel, a well known Grand Rapids landmark, which for the last year has been under the management of R. E. Jones, has been sold to Bert A. Hayes, it was announced Friday after the deal had been closed whereby Mr. Hayes obtains the five-year lease on the building and all furnishings and equipment. Mr. Jones will give over possession of the hotel on Saturday, November 1.

Mr. Hayes, who, although he has not been a resident of this city for the past seven years, is well known here, having formerly been connected with the Rapid Heater company, with which he was associated for six years. During the last seven years he has been engaged exclusively in the hotel business, largely in Indiana and Ohio. Recently he has been associated with J. W. Barron, a prominent hotel man, in a number of hotels, the last one being the Virginia hotel at Columbus, O., which was sold October 1.

Mr. Hayes for a number of years was a resident of this city, and has many friends here, who will be pleased to learn that he is again in business in Michigan, and his hotel in Grand Rapids promises to be a Mecca for such Alma people as happen to be in Grand Rapids.

WELL KNOWN ALMA WOMAN DIED FRIDAY

City Work Stopped and Stores
Closed Monday During the
Funeral of Mrs. Chick.

Mrs. John C. Chick, wife of one of Alma's commissioners and also one of the leading business men of the city, passed away last Friday evening at the age of 38 years, following an illness of about two weeks. While death was not entirely unexpected, it came to her friends as a distinct shock, when the untimely end of this highly esteemed Alma resident became known.

Mrs. Chick was born in this city, and had lived here all of her life. She was a graduate of Alma high school and for three years had attended Alma college.

She was united in marriage to Mr. Chick in December of 1909, and to this union were born three children who with the husband survive.

Mrs. Chick was a member of the Presbyterian church since her girlhood days and had been a faithful attendant and worker in the Alma church since the time that she first became affiliated with this denomination. She was also a member of the Alma lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star, and had been vitally interested in the work of this organization. During the greater number of years that she had been a member of the lodge she was one of its officers.

The funeral was held from the late home on West Center street Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, at which time all business places in the city closed their doors, all city labor stopped for an hour and the flag on the city hall was placed at half mast as a mark of respect. The funeral service was in charge of Rev. Gelston of the Presbyterian church, and was attended by a large circle of close friends of the family. The body was laid to rest in Riverside cemetery.

COMING RAPIDLY

Good Weather and Fair Roads Bring
In Beets Rapidly.

The Alma plant of the Michigan Sugar company is receiving sugar beets from the farmers far more rapidly than in past years due to the fine weather which this section has had in past weeks and because the roads are in better shape than has been the case most years.

The open weather has permitted the hauling of beets by wagon to a far greater extent and the loads, with fair roads, have been bigger than has been the case in most years. It has also aided in the shipments of beets to the factory by rail. Nearly 50,000 tons of beets have been delivered or are in sight.

The beet sheds are filled at the present time and great piles of beets have been placed at points adjacent to the plant so that they can easily be handled, when the sheds become empty. The great quantity of beets is proving a boon to the company as it is allowing the slicing of beets up to capacity practically every day.

FARMERS' CLUB

The Seville and Sumner Farmers' club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lindstrum, Thursday November 6. This will be the last meeting at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Lindstrum as they expect to leave in the near future. May we look for a good attendance.

Program

Song—Club.
Prayer.
Minutes of last meeting.
Roll-call—"Something" as a Farmer Should Be Thankful For.
Farm Drainage.
Recitation—Arnold Lindstrum.
The State Farm Bureau—C. F. Hainline.
Question box.

MORE STOCK IS OFFERED PUBLIC

Northern Wheel Company Given
Needed Permission to Place
It on the Market.

\$50,000 WORTH AVAILABLE

Officials of Alma Concern See Need
of Greater Funds to Handle
Coming Business.

It has been officially announced at the offices of the Northern Wheel company, that this new Alma concern has been given permission to issue \$100,000.00 more in stock, and that the company is to place \$50,000.00 more of the stock on sale immediately. The balance will be placed in the treasury.

When seen the first of the week regarding the stock sale, the officials of the company stated that the outlook for the business was so bright that it was believed it would be necessary to have more funds with which to operate, and make such extensions and enlargements of the business as might become necessary within the first few months of operation, such as the construction of new dry kilns, etc.

The \$50,000.00 worth of stock is to be sold at once, and it is believed that the greater portion of it will be placed among the business men of Alma, although anyone who is interested in the proposition can secure stock in the concern, if prompt action is taken. The stock is to be sold with fifty per cent off the amount paid down and the balance within the following thirty days. The stock is to be sold at par, and will probably be the last that will be so offered.

The officials of the company have been looking a large amount of business of late weeks, and it is believed that the new company will meet with a great success and yield a handsome return on the investment. It is believed that it will be only a matter of a few months, after the concern starts active operations, that it will find it very necessary to enlarge to keep pace with the business, which it is believed is certain to come.

Work on the construction of the large factory, 60x320 feet, in the eastern part of the city is proceeding at a rapid rate, and it is very probable that within another month the factory will have been brought to completion and that operations may be started about December 1. At the present time the bricklayers have the sidewalks of the building about one-third constructed and at the rate that this work is being done, it will only be a matter of several days before this portion of the work has been brought to completion.

SCHEDULES

M. I. A. A. Basketball and Base Ball
Cards Are Out.

The Alma college basketball and baseball schedules as far as the Michigan Intercollegiate is concerned, were made up at a meeting of the directors of the association at Albion Friday. The basketball card calls for eight M. I. A. A. games and the baseball schedule for nine.

Alma fans will have the satisfaction of seeing Albion college again on the court in the winter sport and the Maroon and Cream is even now planning on annexing two bouts from the Methodist as a partial revenge for last week's football defeat. Kalamazoo college, Albion, Hillsdale and Adrian all appear here in both basketball and baseball.

The schedules follow:

Basket Ball

January 23—Alma at Adrian college.

January 24—Alma at Albion college.

February 7—Hillsdale college at Alma.

February 13—Alma at Hillsdale college.

February 14—Alma at Kalamazoo college.

February 20—Albion College at Alma.

February 21—Adrian college at Alma.

February 27—Kalamazoo college at Alma.

Base Ball

April 24—Adrian college at Alma.

April 30—Alma college at Hillsdale.

May 1—Alma college at Adrian.

May 7—Kalamazoo college at Alma.

May 15—Albion college at Alma.

May 21—Alma at Kalamazoo.

May 22—Alma college at Albion.

May 28—Hillsdale college at Alma.

May 29—Adrian college at Alma.

June 4 and 5—Baseball finals and track meet at Albion.

Three football games were listed for the M. I. A. A. next fall at the meeting, two of which will be played at Kalamazoo.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness and words of sympathy and their beautiful floral tributes at the time of our sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bilgson, Mrs. A. B. Hubbell.

Best candies. DeLuxe—77-tf-c

MAKING SUCCESS

Former College Student is Meeting
With Big Truck Success.

A copy of "Acme Angles" for June, which has been sent to The Record, contains a double page spread devoted to the success with which Eddie Brehm and Don McMullin are meeting in selling Acme trucks in Minneapolis.

Brehm, well known in this city, formerly attended Alma College, was editor of the Almanac one year, and once represented Alma in the Michigan Intercollegiate oratorical contest. He was also connected with The Record for a time.

The article deals with the meager start that these two men made in their business in the Twin Cities, and then pictures the fine new service station which they recently opened up. Included in their territory are several of the northwestern states.

Mr. Brehm did not leave Alma without achieving some success here, as he took with him one of Alma's most popular young ladies as his wife, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Shepard.

ITHACA DEFEATED BY ALMA ELEVEN

Score of 21 to 0 Did Not Show
the Relative Strength of
Teams, However.

After the first quarter of Friday's bout with Ithaca high, Alma had little trouble in staying the spurs of the Ithaca high eleven, and the game was brought into camp by a score of 21 to 0, the victory giving the locals the championship of the county in the great fall sport and putting them in a position to seek the honors of central Michigan.

Early in the game Stearns broke away for nearly fifty yards for a touchdown, but attempted tripping on the play caused the ball to be brought back and Alma penalized fifteen yards. The Alma team was forced to punt and then Ithaca carried the ball far into Alma territory, and finally, when held under the shadow of the goal, attempted a dropkick, which went wild.

Just before the first quarter ended Stearns cut loose a brilliant forward pass which went straight into the arms of "Brad" Sartor, who chased for about thirty yards and planted the ball behind the Ithaca goal. Stearns kicked the goal, making the count Alma 7, Ithaca 0.

In the second quarter Ithaca made a game rally and during the entire session outplayed the Alma eleven and gained far more ground than did the Orange and Black. The first half ended with Alma on the defense with Ithaca on about the thirty yard line, and hitting hard to smash through to the Alma goal.

In the third quarter both teams came back strong, and most of the play was in the center of the field, until late in the quarter, when a long forward pass, carried by the wind, was grabbed out of the air by B. Sartor and carried over the goal line. Stearns kicked the goal, making the score 14 to 0.

In the final quarter Alma carried the ball into Ithaca territory and failing to gain, when on the Ithaca 25 yard line attempted a dropkick, which missed by inches. Stearns attempted the kick. Shortly after the Ithaca quarterback fumbled, and B. Sartor entwined his arms about the ball and planted it behind the Ithaca goal for the third touchdown. Stearns again kicked goal, making the count 21 to 0.

Both B. Sartor, S. Sartor, Stearns and Ellis contributed heavily in bringing the victory to the Alma team and especially did S. Sartor and Ellis feature in smashing the Ithaca line.

HIGHLY PLEASING

The Alma Art Club benefit shows, two one-act comedies, given in the high school auditorium Monday evening, were highly pleasing to those who attended, bringing out as they did some clever situations that were intensely amusing. Each and every one of the characters in the play displayed a thorough knowledge of her part, which was carried off in a capable, pleasing way.

In "Overtones," the first of the two one-act plays, Mrs. Louise McKenzie, as Harriet, wife of a wealthy man, proved to be the leading feature. In "The Kleptomaniac," Mrs. Stuckey and Mrs. Crandell held the closest attention of the audience.

The casts for both of the one-act plays were drilled by Mrs. Cornelius and Miss Carroll, and the way the parts in each of the plays were handled, brought out very forcibly the capabilities of these ladies in this respect.

MARRIED LAST WEEK

Mr. F. L. Mitchell and Miss Grace Bradley were quietly married on Monday evening, October 20, in Ithaca, having slipped out of the city to evade their friends, who were most anxious to be around when the happy event took place.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have been employed at the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., for some time, the former having a responsible position in the purchasing department.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe—77-tf-c

ROAD MEETING HELD TUESDAY

Gratiot County Road Commis-
sioners Meet with State
Highway Engineer.

COUNTY WORK WAS TAKEN UP

Concrete Pavement on St. Louis-Alma
Road, Which is to Be the
First Improved.

The Gratiot county road commissioners, George Kuhlman of this city, James P. Gibbs of Ithaca, and Frank Hines of Fulton township, and an engineer from the state highway department met in Alma Tuesday and decided upon the roads in this part of the county, which are to be improved early this coming year.

The roads settled upon at this meeting are the St. Louis-Alma road, the road west of Alma for four miles and the Ithaca-Alma road, all of which are to be improved, and one of which will be changed.

The Michigan avenue road from St. Louis to Alma will be paved, and will be the first road in Gratiot county which will be improved under the new plans of the highway department, under the fifty million bond issue for good roads in the state. It is understood that the paving between the two cities is to be twenty feet wide, and it will be possible for the City of Alma to widen this pavement, within the city limits, to suit the needs, by making arrangement with the contractor who will have charge of the work.

The road west of Alma, a distance of four miles is to be graveled in the spring. The state engineer, when objections were raised to having a graveled road, stated that little was known in this county about graveled roads, as the county did not have any that had been built right, and then properly looked after.

It was also decided to move the north and south road, of the Ithaca-Alma road, one mile more to the east, and it will thus conform with the Ithaca-St. Louis road under the plans of the highway department. This road will probably be improved this coming year also, but the road east from Alma to the north and south road probably will not be improved until the following year.

FALL CULLING

Slacker Birds Should Be Cut Out Now
Is Advice of Experts.

During the fall